Suggestions for Customizing Your Protest Letter

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Dear Property Owner/Citizen/Interested Party,

A formal protest letter (see the sample letter below) can be submitted to either the Inter-Canyon or Elk Creek Fire Protection District (FPD) Board of Directors with respect to the fire district Resolution to Exclude your real property can be either submitted in writing at the Board Hearing on the Resolution for Exclusion on November 13, 2024 6pm or November 21, 2024 6pm, this is the preferred method, or—if you absolutely cannot attend the hearing—you can submit your letter via email to either [board@intercanyonfire.org](mailto:board@intercanyonfire.org) or to [board@elkcreekfire.org](mailto:board@elkcreekfire.org) respectively, as the case may be.

A formal protest letter (see the sample letter below) can be submitted to the North Fork FPD Board of Directors with respect to the fire district Resolution to Include the real property of the Elk Creek and Inter-Canyon FPDs can be either submitted in writing at the Board Hearing on the Resolution for Inclusion on November 20, 2024 1pm, this is the preferred method, or—again, if you absolutely cannot attend the hearing—you can submit your letter via email at [nffpd@aol.com](mailto:nffpd@aol.com).

In addition, you can further customize your letter in the following manner: In accordance with Title 32 Special Districts Act, the respective Boards of Directors must find in the affirmative that the following criteria has been met with respect to the Exclusion or Inclusion of the fire districts real property:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors, having reviewed all relevant information related thereto, hereby determines that:

A. The exclusion of the Property will be in the best interests of all of the following: (i) the Property itself; (ii) Elk Creek; and (iii) the counties in which Elk Creek is located;

B. The relative costs and benefits to the Property justify exclusion from Elk Creek and inclusion within North Fork;

C. The ability of Elk Creek to provide economical and sufficient service to both the Property and all of the properties within Elk Creek’s boundaries are the same;

D. Elk Creek is able to provide services to the Property, but the costs of providing services by North Fork will be less than the cost of providing services solely by Elk Creek;

E. There will be no effect on employment and other economic conditions in Elk Creek and surrounding area if this Resolution is or is not finally adopted;

F. There will be no economic impact on the region or on Elk Creek, the surrounding area, or the state as a whole if this Resolution is or is not finally adopted;

G. There are no economically feasible alternative services available except from North Fork;

H. There will be no additional cost levied on other property within Elk Creek as a consequence of the exclusion; and

1. Elk Creek currently has no outstanding bonded indebtedness for which the Property is liable.

In addition, it will be helpful for you to provide additional rationale for your protect on the lines after the following words, "For the following additional reason(s), I/[we] formally protest this planned exclusion:…".

For example, if you believe the fire district has not proved to your satisfaction that:

1. The exclusion of the Property will be in the best interests of all of the following:
2. (the Property itself;
3. (Elk Creek; and
4. The counties in which Elk Creek is located;…

Or on those lines, you can insert something like this:

In my/[our] judgement, the Elk Creek FPD Board of Directors has offered no proof that exclusion of my/[our] property will be in the best interests of either my/[our] property itself, the Elk Creek FPD, or the counties in which Elk Creek FPD is located.

Or on those lines, you can insert something like this:

In my/[our] judgement, the Elk Creek FPD Board of Directors has offered no proof that exclusion of my/[our] property justifies the statement, "The relative costs and benefits to the Property justify exclusion from Elk Creek and inclusion within North Fork;…”

Finally, on those lines, you can insert something like this:

In November 2024 electors of the Elk Creek FPD rejected Consolidation in a ballot box contest: In my/[our] judgement, for this reason the proposed exclusion should be denied.

If you need help with this letter, need more information, and/or would like to help us, please consider reaching out to us via email at [cosecc.co@gmail.com](mailto:cosecc.co@gmail.com) with a copy of you letter and/or other ideas and thank you for taking your valuable time to help our community once again, Save Elk Creek Fire!

**Board of Directors**

**Elk Creek Fire Protection District** [or Inter-Canyon] [or North Fork]

**11993 Blackfoot Road** [update to your FPD address]

**Conifer CO 80433** [update to your FPD address]

**(303) 816-9385** [update to your FPD telephone #]

**VIA EMAIL:** [board@elkcreekfire.org](mailto:board@elkcreekfire.org) [or [board@intercanyonfire.org](mailto:board@intercanyonfire.org) or [nffpd@aol.com](mailto:nffpd@aol.com)]

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**To:** Elk Creek Fire Protection District [your FPD] Board of Directors.

**Re:** Elk Creek Fire Protection District [your FPD] Plan to Exclude/Inclusion All Real Property from the District Under Provisions of the Colorado Title 32 Special Districts Act.

**Dear Board Members,**

Due to the fact that the Elk Creek Fire Protection District [your FPD] has not met the requirements of the Colorado Title 32 Special Districts Act for its planned exclusion of my/[our] real property located at:

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Property Address

That is, I/[we] believe that the exclusion/[inclusion] of the above property is NOT in my/[our] best interest with respect to my/[our] health, safety, and welfare; therefore, I/[we] formally protest this planned exclusion/[inclusion].

For the following additional reason(s), I/[we] formally protest this planned exclusion/[inclusion]: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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The express will of the People should be a good and sufficient reason to reject this proposed "Unification".

[ ] Please check the box if you agree with the above statement.

We request that a copy of this letter be forwarded by the Board of Directors, as soon as possible, to the 1st Judicial District Court Judge who will hear this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

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